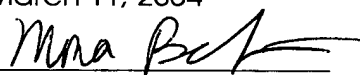




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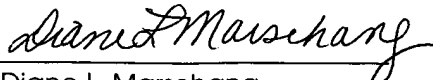
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A Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and Notice of Allowability were mailed on January 13, 2004.

In the Notice of Allowability, claims 24 and 27 were cancelled by way of Examiner's amendment. The undersigned wishes to clarify for the written record that the cancellation of the subject claims should not be interpreted as acquiescence to any rejections raised against the claims and should not be interpreted as Applicant's surrender of the claimed subject matter embodied by claims 24 and 27. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 24 and 27 in further continuing applications.

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